

# Recreation Opportunity Guide

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Trail Beginning: Owl Creek Trail -- 47.11767-113.45522 3960 ft. elevation  
Owl Bend Loop – 47.1147 113.4705 4220 ft. elevation  
Hill 16 Road – 47.11958-113.4882 4110 Elevation  
Lakeview Trail -- 47.11889-113.49641 4168 ft. elevation.

Trail Ending: Owl Creek Trail -- 47.11889-113.49641 4168ft. elevation.  
Lakeview Trail – 47.14014- 113.52480 4150 ft. elevation

Trail Length: Owl Creek Trail – 2.1 miles  
Hill 16 Road – 3.0 miles  
Owl Bend Loop – 3.5 miles  
Lakeview Trail – 4.2 miles

Season of Use: Hiking/Biking--April thru November  
Snowshoe/Ski – January thru March

Usage Rate: Low

Difficulty: Owl Creek Trail – Easiest. Elevation gain 60 ft.  
Hill 16 Road – Easy. Elevation gain 220 ft.  
Owl Bend Loop – More difficult Elevation gain: 150 ft.  
Lakeview Trail -- More difficult. Elevation gain: 300 ft.

Reference Maps: Lolo National Forest Visitor Map – Seeley Lake Ranger District

Map Location: Mid-trail area Section 28, T.17N., R.14W.

Directions: From Seeley Lake Postoffice, southerly 4.4 miles on MT Highway 83 to Placid Lake Road, turn right.

- Go 0.4 mile to parking on right at earthen barrier for beginning of Owl Creek Trail,
- Go 1.3 mile (from hiway) to Owl Bend Loop, parking on left at gate.
- Go 2.1 mile (from hiway) to Hill 16 road, parking on right at gate.
- Go 2.7 mile (from hiway) to beginning of Lakeview Trail (end of Owl Creek Trail), parking on left. Trail begins on north (right) side of road.
- Go 3.0 mile from Lakeview parking to end of Lakeview Trail (Tupper Lake Connection.)

### NARRATIVE

These trails have a fairly smooth gravel surface. Owl Creek and Loop are on old roadbeds. The connection at the end of the Owl Bend Loop is on an old fireline with a moderate grade. Te Hill 16 road to Seeley Lake is a good roadbed, pleasant walking. The Lakeview Trail is mostly single track with some roadbed toward the west end. There is an option to return to the road 3.1 miles from the beginning. The old roadbed heading north from the end of the Lakeview Trail connects (0.8 mi.) to Tupper Lake trails. All trails are non-motorized.

Attractions: Most of the trails traverses through a variety of second-growth trees with a variety of shrubs and grasses. The midsection of the Lakeview Trail is aptly named as it traverses along a grassy slope. Camping available at Placid Lake State Park and several undeveloped spots along Owl Creek.

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